

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 600 - HB 1227

March 4, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Vacates and reconstitutes the entire membership of the Tennessee Historical Commission on July 1, 2021. Requires the Commission to appoint a State Historical Director. Requires the Historical Director, rather than the Executive Director, to be the designated keeper of the Tennessee register of historic places.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Expenditures - \$9,800/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/
Tennessee Historical Commission**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-11-105, the Commission is authorized to create such positions and employ such personnel as are deemed necessary to conduct its affairs.
- The Commission currently has an Executive Director and two additional staff. This legislation will transfer certain duties from the Executive Director to the Historical Director.
- It is assumed that requiring the appointment to the position of Historical Director will not change the total number of staff employed by the Commission.
- Currently, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-11-102, the Commission is comprised of the Governor or the Governor's designee, the State Historian, the State Archaeologist, the Commissioner of Environment and Conservation or the Commissioner's designee, and the State Librarian and Archivist, all as ex-officio members, and 24 members appointed by the Governor.
- This legislation will reduce those non-ex-officio members, from 24 members to 12 members.
- Members will continue to receive reimbursement for all necessary expenses, including travel.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Environment and Conservation, the average annual expenses incurred by each member on the Commission are \$815.
- A recurring decrease in state expenditures to the Commission of \$9,780 (\$815 x 12 members) beginning in FY21-22.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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